

Remarks

The present application is a division of the prior application 10/088469 filed March 15, 2002. As filed, the present application included claims 1 through 10. A Preliminary Amendment, submitted with the application, cancelled claims 1 through 10 and submitted new claims 11 through 22, claiming the invention as a method, as opposed to the composition claims examined in the parent case.

In the Office Action of July 5, 2005 the Examiner identified the claims pending in the application as 1 through 13 with references to particular claims that clearly indicated that the claims under examination were not the new claims submitted in the Preliminary Amendment.

In subsequent telephone conversations with the Examiner, it was acknowledged that there was an error in issuing the Office Action in its received form. The Examiner indicated that claim 11 would be rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,190,685 of February 22, 2001 to Karita. The Examiner further indicated that the limitations as expressed in claim 12 defined an invention of patentable scope over Karita and that, if the subject matter of claim 12 was placed into independent form, it would be allowed.

Accordingly, and in response to the Office Action as orally amended by the Examiner, Applicant has amended independent claim 11 to include therein the percentage limitations set forth in claim 12. Claim 12 has been cancelled, and certain other pending claims of the application have been amended to make them consistent with the amendment of claim 11 and the deletion of claim 12.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims are of allowable scope and accordingly withdrawal of all rejections and passage to allowance is solicited.

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